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Federal Inmate Charged with Stabbing Another Inmate

Peoria, IL - The federal grand jury in Peoria, Illinois today returned a two-count indictment charging an inmate with assaulting a fellow federal inmate while both were in custody at the Federal Correctional Institution in Pekin, Illinois, as announced by Rodger A. Heaton, United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois. The indictment alleges that on November 20, 2005, Charles E. Fuller, age 38, repeatedly stabbed another inmate with a pointed metal rod.

This indictment is the second returned by the federal grand jury in Peoria charging a FCI-Pekin inmate with assaulting another prisoner. Warren Red Cloud is scheduled for trial on February 6, 2006, after he was indicted by the federal grand jury on October 19, 2005 for similar but unrelated charges. The indictment charging Cloud alleges he repeatedly stabbed another inmate in August 2005 while both were incarcerated at FCI-Pekin. The two indictments concern separate incidents and contain no allegation that the alleged assaults were related.

U.S. Attorney Heaton said, "To make our communities safer, the Department of Justice and the U.S. Attorneys' Offices are committed to prosecuting and incarcerating as many violent criminals as possible. When any of those criminals or others commit acts of violence in federal prison, we will prosecute them again, both to punish them for their violence and to further protect society by extending their incarceration."

The charge is the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Darilynn J. Knauss.

If convicted of the offenses charged, assault with a dangerous weapon and assault resulting in serious bodily injury, each offense is punishable by a maximum statutory penalty of 10 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment is merely an accusation; the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

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